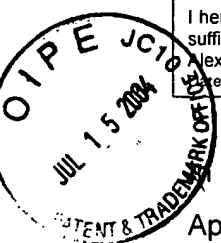


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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate); Form PTO-1449
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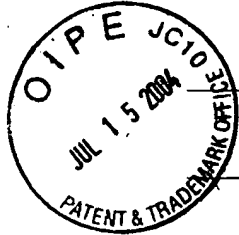
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and

made of record. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98 (a) (2) (i), effective for applications filed after June 30, 2003, Information Disclosure Statements may be filed without copies of U.S. patents and U.S. published applications. Such documents are therefore not being submitted herewith.

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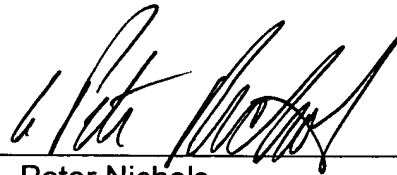
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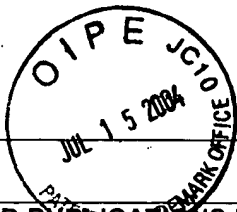
Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Peter Nichols', is written over a horizontal line.

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